

KFSCIS Policy on PhD Dissertation Committee Membership

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The UGS policy for membership of PhD committees¹ is as follows:

The committee is comprised of at least four members of the Graduate Faculty.

At least two of the four must be from the academic department offering the degree.

At least one must be from another academic department at FIU.

The fourth member may be:

1) from the academic department offering the degree,

2) from another academic department at FIU,

3) from outside the institution who has been reviewed and approved by the academic department and the University Graduate School.

At the faculty meeting on Friday, August 30, 2024, the KFSCIS faculty passed the following motion by a vote of 24 to 3:

Membership of KFSCIS shall adhere to UGS policy on PhD committee membership with no additional constraints, except when the PhD student is co-advised by two members of the KFSCIS faculty, in which case the fourth member of the committee shall also be from KFSCIS.

This policy shall not be construed to prohibit committees larger than 4 members.

¹Policy #380.030, last revised April 4, 202, found at <https://policies.fiu.edu/files/780.pdf>